

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Art Noonan, on April 6, 2009 at 3:00  
P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Staff Present:** Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary  
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 498

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 498**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:15 Sen. Keith Bales (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on  
SB 498, Establish laws governing carbon sequestration.  
00:01:50 Rep. Reichner arrived.  
00:02:53 Rep. Augare arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:23 Sen. Ron Erickson, SD 47, Missoula  
00:19:23 Mike Volesky, Office of the Governor  
00:22:33 Candace Payne, Southern Montana Electric Generation  
and Transmission Cooperative  
00:24:13 Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties/ Great Northern  
Project Development  
00:26:53 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana  
00:29:31 Todd O'Hair, Reo Tinto Energy America  
00:31:56 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association  
00:32:51 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association  
(WETA)  
00:34:44 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
00:35:13 Michael Creeden, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:35:36 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center  
(MEIC)

**EXHIBIT(feh75a01)**

00:52:18 Dale Ferguson, self

**EXHIBIT(feh75a02)**

00:56:50 Matt Leow, Northern Plains Resource Council  
01:04:25 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

**Informational Testimony:**

01:08:50 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association  
01:10:39 Tom Richmond, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation  
01:12:33 Rep. Wiseman arrived.  
01:15:45 Bonnie Lovelace, Montana Department of Environmental  
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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:16:09 Rep. Jopek  
01:16:52 Sen. Erickson  
01:18:10 Rep. Jopek

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01:18:33 Sen. Erickson  
01:19:30 Rep. Jopek  
01:20:08 Sen. Erickson  
01:21:22 Rep. Regier  
01:21:38 Sen. Bales  
01:21:44 Rep. Regier  
01:22:04 Sen. Bales  
01:23:51 Rep. Regier  
01:24:29 Sen. Bales  
01:25:32 Rep. Regier  
01:25:42 Sen. Bales  
01:26:02 Rep. Jopek  
01:27:11 Sen. Erickson  
01:28:42 Rep. Driscoll  
01:29:14 Sen. Bales  
01:30:40 Rep. Driscoll  
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01:33:20 Rep. Driscoll  
01:33:44 Sen. Bales  
01:34:03 Rep. Wiseman  
01:34:28 Sen. Erickson  
01:35:07 Rep. Wiseman  
01:35:35 Sen. Bales  
01:36:04 Rep. Wiseman  
01:36:19 Sen. Bales  
01:37:08 Rep. MacLaren  
01:37:29 Sen. Bales  
01:37:59 Rep. MacLaren  
01:38:09 Sen. Bales  
01:38:22 Rep. MacLaren  
01:38:28 Mr. Richmond  
01:39:13 Rep. MacLaren  
01:39:26 Mr. Richmond  
01:39:49 Rep. Stahl  
01:40:35 Sen. Erickson  
01:41:41 Rep. Stahl  
01:42:08 Sen. Erickson  
01:42:59 Rep. Stahl  
01:43:16 Sen. Erickson  
01:44:08 Rep. Stahl  
01:44:41 Mr. Richmond  
01:48:40 Rep. Stahl  
01:49:13 Mr. Richmond  
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01:55:05 Sen. Erickson  
01:56:58 Rep. Wiseman  
01:57:46 Mr. Richmond  
01:59:02 Rep. Wiseman  
02:00:00 Mr. Richmond

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:01:44 Sen. Bales

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**ADJOURNMENT**

02:12:55 Adjournment: 5:13 P.M.

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Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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**Additional Exhibits**

Gray Bill for SB 498

**EXHIBIT** ([feh75a03](#))

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT** ([feh75aad.pdf](#))